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Ryan Booth looks out the window of the living room he turned into a bedroom in his North of the Panhandle flat. Booth landed the place for \$5,000 after the landlord agreed to let him list the unit on Airbnb.

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Home listings plunge under city's registry

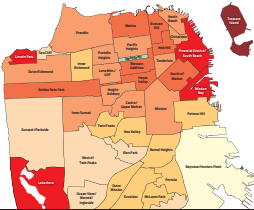
By Carolyn Said

Under the threat of huge penalties, Airbnb, HomeAway, FlipKey and others have jettisoned hosts who ignored the city's registration requirement for short-term rentals. That's dramatically revamped the universe of listings, erasing more than half, tilting the market even more toward Airbnb, easing enforcement of local laws, and returning some rental units to a city that desperately needs them.

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The Chronicle asked Host Compliance, a San Francisco company that helps cities monitor vacation rentals, to capture snapshots of Airbnb, HomeAway and FlipKey in late August, just before a legal agreement required Airbnb and HomeAway to start telling hosts to register or get kicked off. Host Compliance then extracted data from the three sites on Jan. 19, just after a deadline for all Airbnb and HomeAway hosts to register. (FlipKey did

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CHRONICLE INVESTIGATION UPDATE

Detained foster kids face undue hardship

Youths confined in jail with nowhere else to go

By Joaquin Palomino, Cynthia Dizikes and Karen de Sá

A 14-year-old foster youth arrested at a long-troubled San Joaquin County children's shelter was held in jail for weeks after a court had approved her release, simply because child welfare officials were unable to find a suitable home for her. The girl's incarceration ended abruptly Wednesday, hours after a reporter contacted officials at the local juvenile hall to inquire about her case. But the problem of youths being locked up because they have no parents to retrieve them and no placement in the foster care system underscores the serious consequences often facing children arrested at state-licensed facilities. A Chronicle investigation last year documented thousands of calls for runaway foster youth and hundreds of questionable arrests at shelters for abused and neglected children in California. In response, a state lawmaker introduced a bill Thursday that would declare a three-year moratorium on such arrests. *Shelters continues on A10*

Some accused of harassment come out ahead

By Melody Gutierrez

SACRAMENTO — When the state Senate investigated sexual harassment allegations against a high-ranking legislative staffer three years ago, the house's handling appeared to be done quickly and decidedly. The staffer, Steve Davey, was placed on paid leave and ultimately resigned as chief of staff at the request of his boss, Republican Sen. Ted Gaines. But Davey wasn't without a job. Gaines' campaign hired him immediately, even as the investigation continued, then kept him on after the allegations were substantiated. In fact, a Chronicle review of documents released this month by the Legislature and other public records show that legislative employees who were disciplined for sexual harassment, even those who were fired or forced to resign, often faced no long-term effects on their careers. Some even came out ahead. *Harassment continues on A8*

Breed works to charm Chinatown

By Rachel Swan

On the first day of the Chinese New Year, Supervisor London Breed stood on a stage in San Francisco's Portsmouth Square, a row of red lanterns bobbing behind her. In halting Chinese, she greeted a crowd of tourists and residents who had gathered Friday beneath the decorative pennants, the orange dragon and the stage festooned in bunting. Breed smiled archly at the Chinatown dignitaries — and at her mentor, former Mayor Willie Brown — who were lined up alongside her on the platform. That group of players could determine who becomes the city's next mayor, and it appears they've picked Breed — an African American woman who grew up in a Western Addition housing project and who might not seem like an obvious choice for the Chinese American community. *Chinatown continues on A8*



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Children dressed as dogs to mark the Year of the Dog leave Chinatown's Portsmouth Square after performing Friday.

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